The Youth Violence Problem

! On a typical day, 6 or 7 youth are slain in this country, mostly inner-city, minority youth.

! Males are overwhelmingly the perpetrators in homicides involving youth, accounting for more than 90% of incidents involving those 10-17 years of age.

! Handgun homicides committed by young males (15-18) between 1980 and 1995 increased by more than 150%. This increase was fueled entirely by the use of handguns.

! Youth are three times more likely than adults to be victims of violence. One quarter of youth violent victimizations involve the use of a firearm.

! Nationally, 5% of students reported feeling too unsafe to attend school at least once in the thirty days preceding the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey. In Colorado, 4% of students reported feeling too unsafe to go to school.

! Nationally, 20% of high school students reported carrying a weapon (e.g., gun, knife, or club) at least once in the thirty days preceding the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Approximately 8% reported carrying a gun, and 10% reported having carried a weapon on school property on one or more occasions in those 30 days.


http://www.colorado.edu/cspv/publications/factsheets/cspv/FS-007.html